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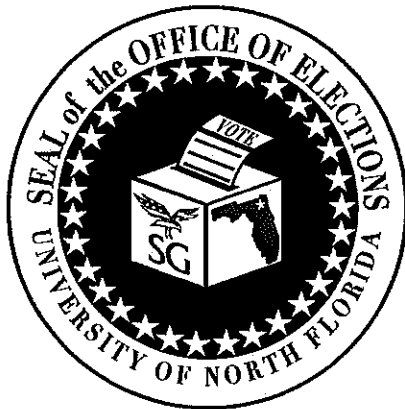
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- 1 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent  
2 student concerns in all University wide matters, and;
- 3 Whereas: The Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida's Student Government given  
4 the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary and proper for the  
5 Student Body of the University of North Florida, and;
- 6 Whereas: Legislation dealing with necessary and proper changes to the Elections Policies and Procedures  
7 shall be considered by the Senate, and;
- 8 Whereas: It is necessary to maintain a system of checks and balances within the Student Government of  
9 the University of North Florida, and;
- 10 Whereas: There is a need to correct the timeline regarding the Mandatory Candidacy Workshops and;
- 11 Therefore: The following necessary and proper revisions to the Election Policies and Procedures are being  
12 proposed:

## The Office of Elections



**Election Policies and Procedures**

*Enacted July 12, 2019*

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- 37 **I. Organization**
- 38 There shall be an Office of Elections responsible for the unbiased production and
- 39 maintenance of all Student Government elections.
- 40 **II. Purpose**
- 41 The purpose of the Office of Elections shall be to maintain a system of binding guidelines
- 42 for the aforementioned office, political party organizations on campus, and all prospective
- 43 candidates for election. Thus, this system shall be known as the Election Policies and
- 44 Procedures and shall dictate the manner and scope in which this government applies
- 45 restriction, resolution, and restitution in all election related manners.
- 46 **III. Composition of the Office of Elections**
- 47 The Office of Elections will be responsible for election oversight, candidate training, and
- 48 maintenance of poll locations and materials. Additionally, the Office of Elections shall
- 49 consist of up to six members which shall include: The Elections Commissioner, the Deputy
- 50 Elections Commissioner, and up to four Election Assistants.
- 51 **IV. Duties of the Elections Commissioner**
- 52 A. Be responsible for proposing changes for the Elections Policies and Procedures to the
- 53 Government Oversight (GO) Committee, when necessary.
- 54 B. Be responsible for executing all provisions provided within the Elections Policies and
- 55 Procedures.
- 56 C. Make public an election timeline, containing all important dates, deadlines, and statutes of
- 57 limitations prior to the start of each semester as they pertain to the upcoming General
- 58 Election.
- 59 D. Be responsible for forwarding all documents to be posted online to the Senate Secretary, or
- 60 the relevant Legislative Branch Web Master, a reasonable amount of time before their
- 61 required postdate.
- 62 E. Forward all witnessed and reported violations of the Election Code and Election Policies
- 63 and Procedures, to the Office of the Attorney General against the accused candidate(s)
- 64 within the constraints of the Election Policies and Procedures timeline.
- 65 F. Be responsible for employing impartial members to the Office of Elections including one
- 66 Deputy Elections Commissioner and up to four Election Assistants.
- 67 G. Shall serve as the chair of the Office of Elections.
- 68 H. Convene the Office of Elections with regular meetings and establish an agenda for said
- 69 meetings.
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- I. Rule on the qualifications of the candidates, submitting their decision to the Office of Elections.
- J. Be solely responsible for maintaining the membership of Election Assistants within the Office of Elections.
- K. Submit recommendations for removal of the Deputy Elections Commissioner to the Senate.
- L. Train and assign duties to the members of the Office of Elections
- M. Be responsible for ensuring all important dates, times, locations, ballots, referenda and constitutional amendments are posted to the appropriate Social Media outlets.
- N. Shall approve and file all campaign materials, including financial information and election results.
- O. Be responsible for distributing the appropriate campaign and financial packets.
- P. The Elections Commissioner shall be responsible for implementing a Student Government sponsored Executive Candidate Debate every Spring Semester that will include the Student Body President. This debate must take place during campaigning and it is the Commissioner's responsibility to:
1. Generate questions specifically for each candidate and their respective position
  2. Notify all candidates for office of the event details in writing including the time, place, and location.
  3. Advertise the event to the Student Body no less than five (5) school days prior to the event.
- V. Duties of the Deputy Elections Commissioner**
- A. Assume the duties of the Elections Commissioner in the event of their absence.
- B. Shall serve as the Vice Chair of the Office of Elections
- C. Assist the Elections Commissioner in hiring and training the Election Assistants, including the administration of the proper Elections Code examinations.
- D. Work with the Elections Commissioner to properly advertise each event (such as the Executive Candidate Debate, poll dates, tabling, et cetera) with the appropriate information attached.
- E. Assist the Elections Commissioner in overseeing the completion of initiatives related to elections as needed.
- VI. Duties of the Election Assistants**
- A. Shall serve as members of the Office of Elections.
- B. Shall not be candidates for any Student Government office nor in affiliation in any way to a political party on campus.



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- C. Shall be required to take and pass the Elections Code examination with at least an 80%.
- D. Assist the Elections Commissioner in documenting campaign materials.
- E. Establish at least two Mandatory Candidacy Meetings.
- F. Shall be held accountable to working their designated poll shifts.
- G. Assist the Elections Commissioner and Deputy Elections Commissioner with any additional duties as needed.

#### **VII. Employment of Election Assistants**

- A. Election Assistants shall be employed by the Elections Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner and shall only start their position a month prior to elections.
- B. Each Assistant must pass the Elections Code examination by 80% (or greater) in order to be qualified for the position.

#### **VIII. Elections Code of Ethics**

##### **A. Purpose**

1. The Elections Code of Ethics is established as a mutual respect and agreement between all persons involved with the elections process. As such, it serves to establish basic standards and values that are essential to the preservation of democratic principles.

##### **B. System of Ethical Standards**

###### **1. No person shall:**

- a. Misrepresent any material fact(s) through any campaign material(s) or action(s).
- b. Misrepresent any campaign material(s) or action(s) as being the property or undertaking of any other candidate or party organization.
- c. Condone or authorize the destruction or theft of any candidate(s) or party organization(s) campaign material(s).
- d. Commit written, printed, or verbal defamation.
- e. Violate any University Policies and Regulations that are in place during the course of the election.

2. Candidates and/or Political Party Organizations are responsible for the action(s) of other individual(s), and/or organization(s) acting on their behalf or at their direction beyond a reasonable doubt.



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3. Every candidate shall hold themselves to the highest level of ethical standards as they are a representative of the entire student body of the University of North Florida.

#### **IX. Candidate Guidelines**

##### **A. Elections Timeline**

###### **1. Timeline Definitions**

- a. Day, Business: All days Monday through Friday in which the University is open for business between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.
- b. Day, Common: All calendar days between the hours of 12:00 AM and 11:59 PM.
- c. Week: Seven (7) consecutive Common Days.

###### **2. Format**

- a. Attached to the Elections Policies and Procedures shall be a timeline that prescribes the chronological order of events within the elections system.
- b. This timeline shall be designed in a clear and unmistakable manner that includes all the appropriate dates and times for each event.
- c. Attached to this timeline shall be a description of the event(s) and list of necessary document (s), where applicable, for each deadline.

###### **3. Publication**

- a. The Elections Timeline and all relevant documents shall be published and made available to the public prior to the start of the semester that the election will take place.
- b. In the absence of an Elections Commissioner, the duty of publication of the Election Timeline shall fall with the Attorney General.
- c. This Timeline shall be published to the appropriate Media Outlets (i.e. the Student Government Website).

###### **4. Regulations**

- a. Ten (10) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming general election, the Elections Policies and Procedures shall be finalized and published.
- b. Eight (8) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming general election, the Office of Elections will host at least one Elections workshop.
- c. Six (6) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming general election, all political party organizations shall have filed their Declarations of Intent. Once a Declaration of Intent has been filed and approved for the calendar year, parties may begin the process of recruiting candidates.



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- d. Five (5) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming general elections, the Office of Elections shall host an Elections Fair. The date of the Elections Fair commences campaigning.
- i. The Office of Elections will begin accepting Candidate Declarations of Intent the day of the Elections Fair.
- e. ~~The Office of elections shall host at least two (2) mandatory candidacy workshops in the time between the passage of the Candidate Declaration of Intent deadline and one (1) week prior to the general election. Between five (5) and four (4) two (2) and one (1) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming general election, the Office of Elections shall host at least two (2) mandatory candidate workshops.~~
- f. Three (3) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming general election, all Candidate Declarations of Intent must be filed.
- g. Disqualifications shall be finalized on the third (3) business day following the deadline for the Candidate Declaration of Intent.
- h. Between three (3) and one (1) weeks prior to the nearest upcoming general election, at least one (1) candidate forum shall be held for the public to attend.
- i. Between three (3) and one (1) weeks prior to the nearest Presidential election, at least one (1) Presidential Debate shall be organized, assuming there is contest.
- j. All Fall General Elections shall begin on the tenth (10) Tuesday of the Fall semester at 9:00 AM and shall close at 6:00 PM on the next day.
- k. All Spring General Elections shall begin on the ninth (9) Tuesday of the Spring semester at 9:00 AM and shall close at 6:00 PM on the next day.
- l. All financial statements shall be filed by the conclusion of the business day following the close of elections.
- m. All Judicial Complaints related to a specific election shall be filed no later than the conclusion of the second (2) business day following the close of the election under which the matter(s) in question transpired, with the exception of Judicial Complaints forwarded by the Elections Commissioner.
- n. ~~The Election Commissioner and the Attorney General shall have a reasonable amount of time following the conclusion of each election to forward election violations to the Judicial Branch and file, respectively, elections related Judicial Complaints, not to exceed five (5) business days.~~

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#### B. Candidacy





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- 209 1. Requirements
- 210 a. The requirements for candidacy shall in no way exceed those placed by
- 211 the Constitution and every effort shall be made to ensure that no
- 212 excessive barriers exist to candidacy.
- 213 b. The constitutional requirements for candidacy may be seen under Article
- 214 V § 2 of the Student Government Constitution.
- 215 c. To become a candidate in any Student Government election, a student
- 216 must only meet the constitutional requirements and complete a
- 217 Candidate Declaration of Intent.
- 218 d. Presidential candidates are required to run on a two-person (2) ticket with
- 219 a Vice-Presidential candidate. Presidential tickets shall file a joint
- 220 Candidate Declaration of Intent.
- 221 e. All candidates must attend one of two Mandatory Candidacy Meetings
- 222 or will be immediately disqualified.
- 223 2. Candidate Declaration of Intent Form
- 224 a. The format for the Candidate Declaration of Intent form is at the
- 225 discretion of the Commissioner but shall consist of, at a minimum, a
- 226 single page for a prospective candidate to indicate acknowledgement and
- 227 compliance with all required subsections.
- 228 b. Required information that must be provided on the Candidate
- 229 Declaration of Intent form shall include the candidate's:
- 230 i. Full name, as it appears on their Osprey-1 Card.
- 231 ii. N-number, as it appears on their Osprey-1 Card.
- 232 iii. Contactable e-mail address.
- 233 iv. Contactable phone number.
- 234 v. Year in college and Major.
- 235 vi. Indication of Party Affiliation. If affiliated, the Political Party
- 236 Organization (PPO) chair must undersign. If not, the candidate
- 237 is automatically recognized as an Independent.
- 238 vii. Indication of Financial Statement option selection.
- 239 c. The following agreements must be provided with the Candidate
- 240 Declaration of Intent form and each candidate must sign that they have
- 241 read, understood, and agreed to all of them:
- 242 i. FERPA release and acknowledgment forms.



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- ii. Agreement to uphold the Code of Ethics and the Elections timeline
- iii. Agreement to abide by all University and Student Government laws, policies and procedures.
- iv. Student Conduct Form

#### C. Political Party Organizations

##### 1. Creation and Registration

###### a. Requirements

- i. Any two (2) or more currently enrolled students may form a PPO and register with the Office of Elections through the completion of a Party Declaration of Intent.
- ii. Registered PPO's are guaranteed the rights afforded them under Title VI.
- iii. PPO's must select a chair person from amongst themselves and indicate their selection on their Party Declaration of Intent.

###### b. Party Declaration of Intent Form

- i. The format for the Party Declaration of Intent form is at the discretion of the Commissioner.
- ii. The form shall contain the following required information to be completed by the founding members:
  - 1) Names and N-numbers of founding members, as they appear on their Osprey-1 cards.
  - 1) Designation of Party Chair
  - 2) Designation of PPO name and abbreviation.
  - 3) Designation of Financial Statement option selection.
- iii. The following agreements must be provided with the Party Declaration of Intent form and the founding members must sign on behalf of the party that they have read, understand, and agree to all of them:
  - 1) Agreement to uphold the Code of Ethics.
  - 2) Agreement to uphold all University Policies and Regulations.
  - 3) Agreement to abide by all Student Government laws, policies, and procedures.



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- iv. All Political Party Organizations' registrations shall expire annually. At the time of expiration, the expired PPO's name will be reserved until the Party Declaration of Intent deadline of the nearest upcoming election.
  - i. The name of the PPO shall have a maximum term of four (4) years. After the PPO has operated for a maximum of four (4) years, then the two (2) year retirement period shall begin immediately.
  - ii. The PPO's name will be reserved until the deadline for the previous party chair, or someone possessing written consent of said party chair, to re-register. The final result of this process may be appealed to the Judicial Branch.
  - iii. If the previous party chair does not return and no written consent is given, the party will be retired.
  - iv. Retired PPO names shall be kept on record by the Office of Elections for a period of two (2) years, at which point they will be eligible to be reinstated.
- v. The Elections Commissioner reserves the right to retire a PPO's name should the party's registration term lapse.
- vi. PPO's that were previously registered with the Office of Elections need only complete a party re-registration form annually to remain registered. Party re-registration forms shall contain the following information completed by at least two (2) renewing members:
  - i. Names and N-numbers of renewing members, as they appear on their Osprey-1 cards.
  - ii. Designation of Party Chair.
  - iii. Designation of PPO name and abbreviation.
  - iv. Designation of Financial Statement option selection.
  - v. PPO's must reaffirm their agreements as listed under Chapter V § C.i.2.c of this document as well.

#### 2.Naming

- a) The following restrictions shall exist on the naming of PPO's:
  - I. No PPO may register under a name that gives the impression of University endorsement or that uses official University language.



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Examples include but are not limited to: "The University of North Florida Party," "The Blue and Grey Party," "The No One Like You, No Place Like This Party," "The Ozzie Party," or "The Osprey Party".

II. No party may have the same name or give the impression of having the same name as another registered party. Examples include, but are not limited to, "The Kool Party" and "The Cool Party," or "The Rock Party" and "The Rockk Party".

III. No party may register a party name as "No Party Affiliation" or any name with the word "Independent".

b) All decisions based on naming are subject to the direct approval of the Elections Commissioner. The Commissioner's final decision may be appealed to the Judicial Branch.

#### 3.Membership

a. Membership in PPO's may be determined internally.

b. PPO's that wish to register with Student Government must agree to an anti-discrimination and anti-hazing policy provided with the Party Declaration of Intent.

c. No student has an inherent right to be a member of any PPO as PPO's are private entities and strictly not Registered Student Organizations (RSO).

#### D. Campaigning

##### 1.Restrictions

##### a. Signage

I. All campaign-related signage is only permitted on university grounds starting the day the Party Fair/Elections Fair is held or within five (5) weeks of the nearest upcoming election.

II. Physical Facilities and other University officials reserve the right to remove intrusive or obstructive signage.

III. The Office of Elections shall make available the most up to date university regulations in the form of an election signage map.

IV. Yard signs must have permits issued by the Student Union Administration.



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~~IV.V.~~ Placement of signs shall adhere to current university policy as directed by Physical Facilities, including but not limited to:

- i. Yard Signs, which may be placed near walking paths within the interior of campus.
- ii. Banners, which may be hung from buildings with permission from the proper authorities. In the case of the Student Union (Bld. 58), the Student Union Administration must be contacted.

~~V.VI.~~ Campaigns are responsible for removing all campaign-related materials, including official PPO social media posts, within one (1) business day following the close of an election.

b. Active/Passive Campaigning

I. Active Campaigning shall be defined as the direct promotion of one's campaign or political party organization through the use of verbal or electronic communications that solicits or calls for support of that candidate or political party organization for an elected office of Student Government. This includes, but is not limited to, the direct request for a student or organization to endorse or advocate for the candidate.

II. Passive Campaigning shall be defined as the indirect promotion done in a way that does not solicit direct communication and is done in a non-intrusive manner. This may include, but is not limited to, signs, posters, websites, t-shirts, or other paraphernalia.

III. Active Campaigning shall be prohibited in the Thomas G. Carpenter Library and classrooms.

IV. An exception shall be made to permit Active Campaigning in reserved spaces within the Thomas G. Carpenter Library or classrooms, limited to meetings of Student Organizations, Registered or Unregistered, scheduled to meet in these buildings with the consent of the organization.

V. A second exception shall be made to permit Active Campaigning in classrooms with permission from the instructor, as well as invited and casual conversation between classmates.

VI. Active Campaigning is allowed in the entirety of the Student Union, with the exception of the third floor of the East Building, in which all forms of campaigning are prohibited.



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- c. Campaigning is permitted to begin the day of the Party Fair Elections Fair
- d. No campaigning is permitted in Residence Halls including, but not limited to, distribution of fliers and door to door campaigning.
  - i. The only exception is in the event of invited and casual conversation between residents of the Residence Hall in question.
- e. Campaign materials may not be distributed in such a way as to create excessive litter or to willfully deface any property, public or private.
- f. Each candidate is liable for all campaign materials relating to his/her campaign, and shall see to their proper disposal, except materials discarded by voters in the polling region while the polls are open.
- g. No candidate shall operate under an implied Student Government endorsement. This includes, but is not limited to, any logos present in campaign materials or use of Student Government sponsored items in their campaign.
- h. Candidates or political party organizations (PPO) may not accept or solicit financial donations or endorsements from any organization or individual explicitly acting on behalf of an organization outside of the University of North Florida campus.
- i. No candidate or organization shall promise or guarantee a future position to a student or student organization in order to obtain votes
- j. Candidates or political party organizations (PPO) may not accept or solicit financial donations or endorsements from university administrators or non-student university employees.
- k. The campaign materials form must be filled out and approved by the Elections Commissioner or designee prior to posting/placement.

#### E. Recruitment

##### 1. Restrictions

- a. Recruitment and Campaigning
  - I. Recruitment shall be defined as a personal invitation from a PPO for students to run for office with the PPO, as well as the education of potential candidates in order for them to make an informed decision regarding their candidacy.



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- II. Recruitment is distinct from campaigning in that it does not include signage on campus, nor does it attempt to solicit votes from students.
- III. Recruitment may occur once a Declaration of Intent has been filed and approved for the calendar year.
- IV. Violations of the Recruitment rules are considered Elections Violations.

#### **X. Financial Guidelines**

##### **A. Format**

1. Financial Statements are to be completed within a provided packet given to all candidates.
2. Financial Statement packets shall contain:
  - a. A cover page listing the contents of a final and completed statement and the undersigned agreement to the accuracy of the statement.
  - b. A blank itemized page(s) for the listing of all campaign expenses.
  - c. A totaling line at the conclusion of the list.
  - d. A guide for PPO financial statements that allows a party to calculate their combined expense limit.
3. Parties may choose to complete a PPO Financial Statement and forego individual statements if they wish to share resources.
4. All elections contested or not contested shall require parties as well as candidates to file financial statements.

##### **B. Regulations**

##### **1. Expense Limits**

- a. Senate Candidates: \$500.00.
- b. Presidential Tickets: \$3,500.00.
- c. Political Party Organization option: Not to exceed the sum of the individual candidate's expense limits combined.

##### **C. Contents**

1. A completed Financial Statement must contain:



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- a. An itemized list of all expenses incurred throughout the campaign. The Financial Statement must include items purchased in a previous campaign if they are re-used for the upcoming election.
  - I. Each calendar year, any re-used item will depreciate by half. After four (4) years of reuse, an item may be claimed at zero (0) percent of the current market value.
- b. Copies of all receipts supporting the itemized list of expenditures. In the case of items purchased previously and re-used for a campaign, a receipt is not necessary. Instead, a fair market value must be provided.
- c. Sworn agreement on behalf of the candidate or, in the case of PPO Financial Statement, the chair, to the accuracy of the full and complete statement.
- d. All contributions and donations, monetary or otherwise must be accurately reported and must include the name of the donor, contribution type, and market value of the donation.

#### **XI. Operations of the Election System**

##### **A. The Ballot**

##### **1. Ballot Format and Creation**

- a. The Elections Commissioner shall be responsible for overseeing the creation and final format of each ballot and ensuring their compliance with statute.
- b. Candidates' names and political party organization affiliation shall be arranged on the ballot in a randomized manner.
- c. Unopposed candidates shall be declared the winner by acclamation and shall not be placed on the ballot.

##### **2. Constitutional Referenda**

- a. All signed Constitutional Referenda shall be formally summarized and forwarded to the Elections Commissioner by the Senate President ten (10) business days before the election, to be placed on the ballot.
- b. All proposed amendments shall be published on the Student Government website ten (10) business days prior to the upcoming election.

##### **3. Plebiscites**

- 1. A Plebiscite shall be defined as, a nonbinding referendum on a proposed law, constitutional referendum, or significant public issue.
- 2. Any student may petition the Office of Elections to request that a plebiscite be placed on an electoral ballot. All plebiscite requests must be





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forwarded to the Elections Commissioner six (6) business days prior to the upcoming election. Plebiscites shall be placed on the ballot at the Elections Commissioner's discretion.

3. Any Plebiscite placed on the ballot shall be made open for discussion at the Senate meeting in which the vote is held to validate the election.

#### B. Polling Information

##### 1. Polling Locations

- a. A polling station shall be defined as a location where students may go to cast their official votes in a protected, secure and confidential environment.
- b. The Office of Elections shall maintain at least two (2) polling stations on campus where students may cast their votes in a secure and protected environment. Having two or more polling stations is at the discretion of the Elections Commissioner.
- c. No group or individual outside the Office of Elections has the right to create or police a polling station.
- d. The Elections Commissioner shall determine the best location for each station to best serve the student body and to adhere to the following provision:
  - I. All polling devices used to cast votes at the polling stations must be hard-wired.
- e. Protected Polling Regions (PPR's) shall exist in the area of each polling station provided by the Office of Elections and, as such, maintain the following provisions within them:
  - I. No active campaigning shall occur.
  - II. Passive campaigning is allowed, with the exception of signage placed within the PPR.
  - III. No individual, including poll workers, shall stand above or behind a student casting a vote.
  - IV. Every effort shall be made to ensure the confidentiality of a student's vote.
  - V. Poll workers may not answer inquiries concerning candidates, platforms, or campaign events within a PPR.
  - VI. Groups may not gather or in any way impede access to or within a PPR.



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VII. Students with any physical impairments that make it difficult to mark their own ballot may request assistance from any working poll worker. Even in said instance, poll workers must still adhere to the above guidelines.

f. The Office of the Attorney General shall supervise the enforcement of all PPR provisions.

g. Polling stations provided by the Office of Elections shall remain open from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM each day during the course of an election.

#### 2. Poll Workers

a. The Elections Commissioner is responsible for staffing all polling stations with qualified workers.

i. Qualified shall be defined as an individual who has no conflict of interest in regard to the current election and who has completed mandatory Election Poll Worker Training.

ii. Poll workers must not hold any type of leadership position within a PPO.

iii. A leadership position is defined as, any involvement in which a PPO has assigned a title for a delegated position that instructs an individual to advocate, campaign, or manage any matters regarding a particular PPO before, during, and after an election cycle.

iv. Election Poll Worker Training shall be created and maintained by the Office of Elections. It shall be made available online for any individual who wishes to complete it.

b. There shall be at least two (2) poll workers maintaining a station at all times.

c. The Elections Commissioner is responsible for determining the length of the shift that each Senator is required to work during the elections. The Elections Commissioner shall make this shift known to Senators no less than ten (10) business days prior to the Elections

i. The length of the shift is contingent upon the number of eligible Senators

#### 3. Polling Devices

a. The ability to cast a vote electronically from any web-accessible device shall be provided to students.



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b. This electronic system shall be protected and monitored by the university and overseen by the Elections Commissioner in conjunction with the Attorney General to ensure that:

- I. Each eligible student only casts one (1) vote per election, and;
- II. All statutory mandates concerning ballots are met, and;
- III. Confidentiality is protected, and;
- IV. All votes are batched and traceable, and;
- V. Electronic voting remains consistently open from the start of elections until their close.

#### C. Voting

1. The ability to cast a singular vote in every election is the inherent right of all A&S fee-paying students of the University of North Florida.

2. Voters must be able to:

- a. Have access to a display containing each candidate's platform.

#### D. Restrictions

1. In the interest of protecting the confidentiality of each student's vote, votes shall not be solicited by candidates or campaign supporters through the individual distribution of electronic devices. This includes mobile devices, laptops, tablets, or computers of any kind.

2. Candidates and campaign supporters may direct students to online voting through electronic communication, flyers, and physical direction to polling stations but may not accompany them into the PPR.

## XII. Validation of an Election

#### A. Tabulation

1. All results shall remain confidential until the election closes. The operators of the Voting Application will at that time deliver the results to the Election Commissioner and Attorney General for confirmation.

2. The Elections Commissioner in conjunction with the Attorney General shall confirm the tabulated results following the close of an election.

3. Unofficial election results shall be released by the conclusion of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) business day following the close of an election along with a list of all pending Judicial Complaints related to the election.



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4. The Elections Commissioner shall, with the approval of the Attorney General and Chief Justice, release official elections results following the resolution of all pending Judicial Complaints.

#### B. Senate Validation

- i. The Elections Commissioner shall formalize the official results of all closed elections and forward them to the Senate in the form of a Senate Bill introduced by the Government Oversight Committee chair to be considered on second read (2<sup>nd</sup>) at the next upcoming Senate meeting.
- ii. The Senate must receive a validation bill within ten (10) business days following the close of an election provided all Judicial Complaints surrounding the election are resolved.

Therefore: Let it be enacted that the following changes to the Election Policies and Procedures be made effective immediately upon passage.

#### Legislative Action

Author: Elections Commissioner Saunders  
Sponsor: Chairwoman Ballard  
Committee: GO Committee  
Committee Action: 7-0-0  
Date of Committee Action: 11/8/19  
Senate Action: 27-0-0  
Date of Action: 11/15/19

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on this 18 day of NOV, 2019

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Signed: Thatcher Hart, Student Senate President

#### Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-19F-3441 is hereby  
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on this 18 day of NOV, 19

Signed, [Signature]  
John Aloszka, Student Body President

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